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Hello,

To confirm, I will get leads together this morning to see about upping the ambition on the advice ahead of any 4pm meeting.

Will

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Dan - we spoke and agree that it would be good for a group of us to get together later today to take stock of the package in light of the CX steers and progress during the day.

If helpful **NR** can set something up for 4pm **NR** and I are interviewing until then.

You said you'd talk to Will Garton to get things moving during the day. Perhaps you/Will could give **NR** a cast list for the 4pm meeting - as it is getting a bit late obviously we can take whoever is around from the relevant areas.

Best regards

Charles

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All

The CX commissioned some advice on a Budget package on a response to coronavirus (private office commission copied below). Given this sits between lots of teams/groups, one of the SPB project team kindly held the pen NR has done a great job of synthesising what teams have provided, but overall the advice looks unambitious given the CX's concern and the scale of the potential impact.

There are two issues here: what the CX says the government is doing/stands ready to do; and, less importantly, what we put in the scorecard/include in the Budget major measures tomorrow, although the two do relate somewhat.

Elizabeth can add more about what the CX has said, which I think has changed over the course of the day, and Clare may want to add as she discussed it with him this morning. What he said in the bilateral was that he would have things to say at Budget on statutory sick pay, business cash flow and 'a spending package'. I think the note addresses these, but in a way which falls short of what the PM would expect given the pitch the CX made.

I'd be really grateful if you could talk to your teams about what the range of options is here – if the CX wanted to be more ambitious, what would that look like either as a proactive announcement or as an option for announcement once the medical advice triggers e.g. large scale self-isolation/travel restrictions. I recognise there are some things we'd recommend against, but at the moment we're not offering much and advising against lots of it!

Given the impending Budget, it would be great if a someone on the to or cc list was happy to pick up overseeing this at a senior level. Grateful for any volunteer

Please do forward on if I've missed someone off.

Thanks
Dan

CX Office commission:

As follow up, CX has asked for a for a Budget package on Coronavirus – unfortunately he's asked to look at this today, so I'll need by **COP**. **MikeS you will hold the pen and coordinate this advice from SPB.** Please can leads feed into NR

Obviously the thinking so far has been in the health spending space. But CX wants us to develop and present to him those options of what this health package might be to deal with Coronavirus and also what other levers we should consider, including the likes of the below:

- this issue of statutory sick pay, CX very interested in this - who is liable especially for SMEs and the self-employed. The CX has asked if it could be temporarily raised. Does it cover childcare if schools close?
- What is the business pressure? Do we need to think about targeted support to businesses through this temporary period.
- anything on the FS side, overdrafts etc.

Equally do go further or include other issues if you think relevant that CX could consider for such a package.

CX has also asked for the facts on the interaction with the health triggers - what do they know about what they do and when?